

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 10-13, 15-16, 18-23, 25-26 and 28-29 are pending. Of those claims, claims 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 are independent. By the Amendment herewith, Applicant adds new claims 30-36 as supported by the specification at, for example, pages 12 and 15. No new matter is introduced into the application as a result of the foregoing additions.

In the outstanding non-final Office Action, only one outstanding issue remains -- all pending claims are rejected under 35 USC Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Ketola et al. (US 2001/0029194 A1, hereinafter "Ketola").

The foregoing rejection is respectfully disagreed with, and is traversed below.

It is initially noted that Applicant again respectfully thanks Examiner Stephen for her time and courtesies extended during the telephone discussions of March 20, 2009 and April 3, 2009. During those discussions, the Examiner appeared to recognize from, for example, a reading of pages 11-13 of Applicant's specification, that Applicant's invention is different from the teachings of Ketola. The following remarks are provided to further assist in the understanding of these differences.

When using a mobile phone, there are situations where the person receiving the call is unable or unwilling to answer an incoming call. As noted at column 1 of Ketola, after once opening a register of unanswered calls the user of the phone will not get a reminder of his unanswered calls. As the number of unanswered calls increases, it becomes difficult to remember all of the calls. Accordingly, Ketola proposes a method and device for reminding a mobile phone user of an unanswered call.

As is shown in Figure 4 of Ketola and described in the corresponding part of the description, in an embodiment when an incoming call is received, a mobile telephone identifies the telephone number of the caller at step 42. At step 43, the user either answers the call, rejects the call or indicates that the user does not want to take the call, but instead wants a reminder. In the event that a reminder is indicated as being

required at step 43, at step 46 call data is transferred into the calendar application of the mobile device. Announcement occurs either at a pre-determined reminding time or when the mobile phone's mode of operation is changed. This relates to step 50 in Figure 4, and is described in paragraph 28. **Thus, according to Ketola, a reminder is announced based on the pre-determined calendar date or when the mobile phone's operation mode is changed. Ketola does not control the device to announce a reminder item only if correspondence is present in (a), (b) or (c) as recited in Applicant's independent claims 1 and 5.**

Thus, Ketola does not disclose or suggest "determining if there is correspondence ... between ... an identifier ... and an identifier forming part of [a] reminder item," as set forth in Applicant's independent claim 1. Ketola also does not disclose or suggest determining whether there is correspondence between a resource identifier and anything, let alone an identifier forming part of a reminder item, as recited in Applicant's claim 1.

As noted above, Applicant's claim 1 includes a recitation of "controlling the device to announce the reminder item only if correspondence is present." This feature is not disclosed in, or suggested by, Ketola. Nor is there any reason to modify Ketola in an attempt to arrive at the subject claims.

An explanation of the advantages obtained by features of the claimed invention can be found at pages 1 to 2 of the subject application. For example, an advantage of embodiments of the claimed invention is that it may provide increased functionality in a mobile communications device such as a cellular phone or PDA. Another advantage is that it may allow reminders to be released from specified times and dates, and thus provide more general applicability. Yet a further advantage is that it may allow announcement of a reminder to be dependent on a particular web page being accessed, a particular email address being present on an incoming or outgoing email, or a particular game being started, for example. Moreover, it may allow a reminder to be announced when a call is received from, or made to, a particular colleague friend or family member, identified by their telephone number or phone book entry, for instance.

As further described at pages 11-13 of Applicant's specification, embodiments of Applicant's invention are advantageous when, for example, a user wishes to cause the phone to present text such as "remember to thank John for his birthday card" the next time a call is received from John. Another example of Applicant's reminder includes to challenge a particular friend to a multiplayer game the next time that the games application 34 is commenced. Here, an application specific parameter can be an indicator, which identifies the particular game that the user is interested in.

The above advantages and applications are not seen to be readily shown by Ketola.

For at least the foregoing reasons, independent claim 1 is believed to be patentable over Ketola. Independent claim 5 also is believed to be patentable for corresponding reasons.

Similarly, Applicant's independent claim 10 recites "controlling the device to allow a user to select an application, to enter or select an identifier and to allow a user to initiate an application start event reminder." Claim 10 may be considered to be a method that may allow a reminder item to be set by a user. It will be appreciated from the above explanation of Ketola that this reference does not disclose or suggest at least the above recited "controlling" step set forth in claim 10. Claim 20 is patentable for corresponding reasons.

Regarding Applicant's independent claim 15, this claim recites "receiving an input comprising an indicator of an application, an identifier, and an indication that an application start event reminder is required." Claim 15 may be considered to be a method that may allow a reminder item to be received, for example, from another device. It will be appreciated from the above explanation of Ketola that this reference also does not disclose or suggest at least the above recited "receiving" step set forth in claim 15. Claim 25 is patentable for corresponding reasons.

It is further respectfully asserted that there is no reason to modify the teachings of Ketola in an attempt to arrive at the subject matter of the afore-referenced independent claims.

Thus, all of Applicant's independent claims are believed to be patentable and should be allowed. Although dependent claims 11-13, 16, 18-19, 21-23, 26, 28-29 and newly presented claims 30 and 32-36 are believed to contain their own patentable subject matter, these claims also are patentable at least in view of their dependency from an allowable independent claim. Similarly, regarding newly added independent claim 31, Ketola is not seen to disclose or suggest this recited subject matter, as described above.

For completion, regarding the newly added claims, during the afore-referenced telephone discussions Applicant respectfully believes that the Examiner appeared to recognize, for example, that Ketola does not disclose determining if the application start event is associated with a reminder item stored in memory by checking for reminders stored in memory and checking if any of the reminders stored in memory are associated with the application which was started.

All issues having been addressed, the subject application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider this Amendment, and withdraw the outstanding rejection. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or believe that a further discussion would help advance the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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